

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 15 NOVEMBER 2000

### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 6)

#### Joint Report by Director of Finance and Director of Community Services

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 22 September 2000 (Period 6).

## 2 OVERALL POSITION

2.1 The following report relates to service costs and income directly controlled by the department and excludes rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.

### 2.2 Budget Performance to Period 6

The net expenditure to date amounts to £13,642,320 compared to a budget of £13,973,350 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £331,030. The budget to 22 September 2000 is based on standard phasing for each period, except where the service department has indicated otherwise. Period variances are mainly attributable to phasing which should level out over the year, however if this is not the case reasons for the anticipated variances are highlighted at item 3.

### 2.3 Projected Out-turn

Based on all available information it is currently projected that the Community Services department will out-turn £8,315 over the annual estimated figure at 31 March 2001. The department will attempt to minimise this overspend through management action as the year progresses in order to out-turn on budget.

### 2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Actual Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Variance Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	178,939	159,402	(19,537)	401,220	403,120	1,900	0
Leisure Service	4,124,025	3,921,959	(202,066)	9,203,025	9,248,458	45,433	0
Cleansing & Waste Management	2,947,041	2,871,631	(75,410)	7,036,733	7,020,142	(16,591)	(0)
Trading Standards	181,759	174,788	(6,971)	393,811	392,711	(1,100)	(0)
Chemist & Analyst	55,215	55,016	(199)	133,046	131,319	(1,727)	(1)
Licensing	85,575	65,910	(19,665)	192,043	175,243	(16,800)	(9)
Emergency Plan	31,954	24,777	(7,177)	68,197	65,397	(2,800)	(4)
Joint Boards	6,368,842	6,368,837	(5)	19,719,000	19,719,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,973,350</b>	<b>13,642,320</b>	<b>(331,030)</b>	<b>37,147,075</b>	<b>37,155,390</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Actual Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Variance Expend to 22-Sep-00 Period 6	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	2,731,256	2,703,547	(27,709)	5,857,884	5,884,876	26,992	0
Property Costs	289,785	229,810	(59,975)	884,577	883,579	(998)	(0)
Transport Costs	352,963	339,259	(13,704)	547,061	520,983	(26,078)	(5)
Supplies & Services	659,768	537,969	(121,799)	1,348,409	1,334,983	(13,426)	(1)
Administration Costs	78,289	66,459	(11,830)	171,129	184,353	13,224	8
Payments to Other Bodies	11,077,107	10,986,640	(90,467)	30,969,008	30,965,123	(3,885)	(0)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,189,168</b>	<b>14,863,684</b>	<b>(325,484)</b>	<b>39,778,068</b>	<b>39,773,897</b>	<b>(4,171)</b>	<b>(0)</b>
Income	(1,215,818)	(1,221,364)	(5,546)	(2,630,993)	(2,618,507)	12,486	(0)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>13,973,350</b>	<b>13,642,320</b>	<b>(331,030)</b>	<b>37,147,075</b>	<b>37,155,390</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>0</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Employee Costs

The favourable variance at Period 6 of £27,709 is mainly due to seasonal variations within the department. It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £26,992 will occur at the year end due to a combination of potential under achievement of turnover savings and only partial achievement of the approved 2000/01 savings within Public Conveniences.

### 3.2 Property Costs

There is a net favourable variance of £59,975 as at Period 6, which relates mainly to timing variances within Leisure Services which is offset by a £12,000 adverse variance within Western Road Depot Non Domestic Rates expenditure. It is projected that there will be small favourable variances across a number of headings within property costs that will result in a favourable variance at the year-end.

### 3.3 Transport Costs

The projected year-end favourable variance of £26,078 relates to projected underspends within Environmental Health offset by projected overspends identified in car allowances within Recreational Development.

### 3.4 Supplies and Services

There is a favourable variance to date of £121,799 within supplies and services, £42,000 of which relates to the purchase of library books within Leisure services. The department attributes the majority of the variance to timing and anticipates that the expenditure on books will out-turn on budget subject to availability of books and publication dates.

By reducing expenditure on non essential items the department projects year-end favourable variances of approximately £13,426 relating to purchases of tools & equipment and purchases of materials across a number of divisions within both Leisure and Protective Services.

### **3.5 Payments to Other Bodies**

The favourable variance of £90,467 at period 6 is attributable to timing. It is projected that favourable variances will result at the year-end within Waste Management landfill tax payments and landfill contract payments.

A year-end adverse variance of £35,000 is projected relating to security costs at Western Road Depot. This is offset to some extent the favourable variances identified above.

### **3.6 Income**

The current favourable variance of £5,546 to date at period 6 is mainly attributable to timing variances within skip hire and trade waste income within Cleansing and Waste Management. Given current information and trends it is projected that income within trade waste will show a favourable variance of £45,000 at 31 March 2001, offset by an adverse variance of £35,000 within Waste Management sale of scrap.

It is projected by the department, based on past information and recent trends, that a year end adverse variance will occur in relation to general ticket sales and other fees & charges of £40,000 and £17,000 within Parks and DCCP respectively. This is offset to some extent by a favourable year end variances identified in hall lets within Recreational Development.

## **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.1** It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL**

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**AGENDA**